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SUBJECT: ALLEGED NEW ARGENTINE DISAPPEARANCES: NO CONFIRMATION IN MADRID

REF: BUENOS AIRES 756

1. [redacted] ENTIRE TEXT.)
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2. ON FEB 14 EMBOFF CONTACTED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ARGENTINEAN AFFAIRS, ENRIQUE PASTOR (PROTECT), TO INQUIRE WHETHER HIS OFFICE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED NEW ARGENTINE DISAPPEARANCES WHICH THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO MENTIONED IN THEIR FEB 1 MADRID PRESS CONFERENCE. HE WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE MOTHERS' STATEMENTS AND WAS SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL ABOUT THEM. APART FROM THEIR SPECIFIC MENTION OF RICARDO RENE HAIDAR, THE MOTHERS WERE VAGUE ABOUT THE OTHER TWO, CITING ONLY (ACCORDING TO THE MADRID PRESS) THAT ONE "...INVOLVED A GIRL IN THE CITY OF ROSARIO..." AND THE OTHER WAS A FORMER CHAUFFEUR FOR THE ARGENTINEAN HOUSE OF CONGRESS.
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3. AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION, AND REPORTS THAT THEY HAD TO KEEP THEIR MEETING WITH HIM CONFIDENTIAL, FELIPE GONZALEZ DID FINALLY MEET WITH THE MOTHERS ON FEB 17. REPORTEDLY HE TOLD THEM THAT HIS DOOR WOULD ALWAYS BE OPEN TO THEM AND ASSURED THEM THAT, AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THE PROBLEM OF THE DESAPARECIDOS IS A SPANISH INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRIORITY. THE MOTHERS ALSO MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MORAN, LEADERS OF THE SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (PSOE), MADRID MAYOR TIERNO GALVAN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE LEDESMA, PUBLIC DEFENDER RUIZ-GIMENEZ, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION ON SPANISH CITIZENS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED IN LATIN AMERICA, AND A GROUP OF ARGENTINEAN EXILES.
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4. COMMENT. LOCAL ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF ARGENTINE DISAPPEARANCES HAS DROPPED SHARPLY SINCE THE MOTHERS DEPARTED. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER MORAN, IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CONGRESS FEB 18, REFERRED TO THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION AND SAID THAT THE GOS TAKES A VERY SERIOUS APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM, WHILE RESPECTING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS COULD CREATE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN RELATIONS BUT SAID THAT THE GOS WAS PREPARED TO INCUR THEM IN THE INTEREST OF SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. BARBOUR

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